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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ira Pastan, *et al.*

Divisional of Application No.: 09/215,035

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For: MESOTHELIN, A  
DIFFERENTIATION ANTIGEN  
PRESENT ON MESOTHELIUM,  
MESOTHELIOMAS AND OVARIAN  
CANCERS AND METHODS AND KITS  
FOR TARGETING THE ANTIGEN

Examiner: A. Holleran

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~On page 1, under "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS,"  
please delete the entirety of the sentence and substitute in its place:~~

*A1*  
~~This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/215,035, filed December 17, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/776,271, filed January 12, 1998, which is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US97/00224, filed January 3, 1997, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/010,166, filed January 5, 1996, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.~~